

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: March 13, 2002

Place: Room 19 - Reagan Room

Convened: 10:27 AM

Recessed:

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 12:21 PM

Present: Senators Schuerer-CH, Ziemann-VC, Flynn-RM, Drake
Representatives Raecker-CH, Sievers-VC, Connors-RM, Chiodo, Elgin, O'Brien, Tyrrell

Absent:

Excused: Senator Hansen
Representatives Klemme, TaylorTE

Representative Raecker called the meeting of the Administration and Regulation joint appropriations subcommittee to order. Roll was taken. On a motion by Senator Flynn, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Michael Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State, discussed the pledging system requested by the bankers of the state and addressed in HF681. Treasurer Fitzgerald also discussed collecting state payments by credit card, and was directed by the committee to research the options to cover or absorb the credit card fees so the state may implement that service. Treasurer Fitzgerald then reviewed the process the state used in borrowing and investing money in order to provide on-time funding to schools. Treasurer Fitzgerald was thanked for his time and the work of his proactive staff.

Dr. Ed Stanek, Commissioner for the Iowa Lottery, gave an overview of the division and answered questions for the 2003 budget request. Ron Robinson was directed by the committee to correct the balance carried forward line item in the blue book. Discussion moved to video lottery machines and Representative Raecker said specific direction as to the use of these machines would be given to the Commission by the end of this session. Should they move forward with the machines, Representative Raecker asked that serious consideration be given as to the placement of the machines to avoid access by young people.

Barbara Bendon, Department of General Services State Property Leasing Manager, clarified the roles and responsibilities of the department and reviewed the proposed budget. Questions and discussion followed. Representative Raecker requested that Ron Robinson include the state government lease spreadsheets in future budget information. Ms. Bendon was thanked for her time.

John Perkins from the Office of Consumer Advocate was present at the request of the committee. This office is budgeted through the Attorney General, but paid by the Utilities Board. Given that, Representative Raecker requested that staff investigate moving this budget to Administration and Regulation sub appropriations committee.

Representative Connors moved to arise. Meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Raecker, secretary to Representative Raecker